

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

In order for the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to assess and verify my educational background, professional qualifications and suitability for employment, I:

Authorize VA to make inquiries concerning such information about me to my previous employer(s), current employer, educational institutions, State licensing boards, professional organizations and/or persons, agencies, organizations or institutions listed by me as reference, and to any other appropriate sources to whom VA may be referred by those contacted or deemed appropriate.

Authorize release of such information and copies of related records and/or documents to VA officials.

Release from liability all those who provide information to VA in good faith and without malice in response to such inquiries, and

Authorize VA to disclose to such persons, employers, institutions, boards or agencies identifying and other information about me to enable VA to make such inquiries.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE AND PUBLIC BURDEN STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to VA Clearance Officer, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20420; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (2900- 0205), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, D.C. 20503. Do not send applications to this address.

AUTHORITY: The information requested on the attached application form and Authorization for Release of Information is solicited under Title 38, United States Code, Chapters 73 and 74.

PURPOSES AND USES: The information requested on this application is collected primarily to determine your qualifications and suitability for employment. If you are employed by the VA, the information will be used to make pay and benefit determinations and, as necessary, in personnel administration processes carried out in accordance with established regulations and published notices of systems of records. -

ROUTINE USES: Information on the form or the form itself may be released without your prior consent outside the VA to another Federal, State or local agency, to the National Practitioner Data Bank which is administered by the Department of Health and Human Services, to State licensing boards, the American Medical Association, Federation of State Medical Boards, and/or appropriate professional organizations or agencies to assist the VA in determining your suitability for hiring and for employment, to periodically verify, evaluate and update your clinical privileges and licensure status, to report apparent or potential violations of law, to provide statistical data upon proper request, or to provide information to a Congressional office in response to an inquiry made at your request. Such information may also be released without your prior consent to Federal agencies, State licensing boards, the Federation of State Medical Boards, or similar boards or entities, in connection with the VA's reporting of information concerning your separation or resignation of as a professional staff member under circumstances which raise serious concerns about your professional competence. Information concerning payments related to malpractice claims and adverse actions. Which affects clinical privileges also may be released to State licensing boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank. The information you apply may be verified through a computer matching program at any time.

EFFECTS OF NON-DISCLOSURE: See statement below concerning disclosure of your social security number. Disclosure of the other information is voluntary; however, failure to provide this information may delay or make impossible the proper applications of Civil Service rules and regulations and VA personnel policies and thus may prevent you from obtaining employment, employee's benefits, or other entitlement.